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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 2:06 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Reminder of Nov 8 Conference Call

From: Ken Oplinger [mailto:ken@oplinger.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 6:29 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
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Thursday, November 8, 2007

Find the InterVISTAS / TIAC Economic Impact Report on WHTI **HERE**

BESTT Coalition Conference Call

Just a reminder that the next **BESTT Coalition Conference Call** will be today, **Thursday, November 8th, at 11am PT / 2pm ET**. The call should be about one hour, and we will be covering the latest information on WHTI, EDLs, and other topics.

Call in number is (605) 772-3870, and the access code is 957740#.

Border Crossing Information Web Site

At the request of the Tourism Bureau in Whatcom County, I created the following site for information on border crossings by land, sea and air.

www.besttcoalition.com/Passports

We have also developed a page for Vermont.

www.besttcoalition.com/Vermont

If you'd like a comparable site, branded to you area, let me know.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 2:19 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Alaska Statae Chamber of Cmmerce - Capital Notes

From: Wayne Stevens [mailto:wstevens@alaskachamber.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 10:49 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Alaska Statae Chamber of Cmmerce - Capital Notes

Alaska State Chamber of Commerce

Capital Notes

www.alaskachamber.com **November 8, 2007**

PLEASE NOTE:
The House & Senate Finance Committees are holding a joint public hearing on ACES TONIGHT at 5:30 p.m.

The Alaska State Chamber strongly urges you to get out and offer your opinion on the proposed changes to the Petroleum Profits Tax and Alaska's CLear and Equitable Share (ACES). This is your chance to be heard on this important debate on the future of Alaska's economy.

You can testify by going to your local Legislative Information Offices (LIO) and signing up to offer testimony on the House and Senate bills 2001.

You can find the location of all LIO's in the State, online at the State Legislature's web site by clicking here

A copy of the both current versions the House and Senate bills are available online at the State Legislature's web site.
Click here for Senate Bill SB 2001

Click here for House Bill HB2001

The Alaska State Chamber web site has a copy of our letter to the Governor and our talking points available for your use at our web site by clicking here

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce is urging the Governor and Legislature to proceed with caution as they conduct their review and deliberations on the Petroleum Profits Tax (PPT) and the bill introduced by the Governor, Alaska's Clear and Equitable Share. The concern is that while the Legislature works to restore public faith, outcomes based more on emotion than economics will further chill the oil investment climate. A second concern is the stated goal of

generating more revenue for the treasury. The chamber does not agree with that goal, and we fear that Alaskans will confuse the outcome of higher tax revenue with the goal of fair share.

We believe the tax debate creates unwelcome risk and stalls investment planning and decisions. Taxes are a key consideration in all business investment decisions, so any time tax law is debated, investments can be delayed. The wrong tax rate can end all consideration of investment. Certainly working to induce investment such that the pipe is full of oil at $80+/bbl would generate more revenue at the current tax rate than would a dwindling quantity of oil at a higher tax rate.

Given today's oil prices, the Alaska's Clear and Equitable Share (ACES) legislation proposes to collect surplus revenue for a fiscal system that results in increased spending but lacks a strategic business plan for the state. This policy outcome does not warrant worsening the investment environment.

The Alaska State Chamber strongly urges you to get out and offer your opinion on the proposed changes to the Petroleum Profits Tax. This is your chance to be heard on this important debate on the future of Alaska's economy.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 12:14 PM
To: Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR)
Subject: Re: "pressure"

Keep in mind- we're not responding to Halcro, Fagen, et al... we're responding to the specific false allegation from "a majority lawmaker" (as cited by our critics) that I'm "threatening and pressuring". We owe it to Alaskans who argree that the threats are more politics-as-usual to clear it up, and I will respond to those things which I know will hurt our efforts if we don't take the time to clear it up. Thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 17:30:29

To:"Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Joe Balash" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Pat Galvin" <patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 11:36 AM
To: Yocom; Lauren J (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Re: Press Release: Governor Palin Calls School Study Inaccurate

You all are gooooood. Thank you so much.

----- Original Message -----

From: Yocom, Lauren J (GOV) <lauren.yocom@alaska.gov>

To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Cc: Yocom, Lauren J (GOV)

Sent: Thu Nov 08 11:26:51 2007

Subject: Press Release: Governor Palin Calls School Study Inaccurate

IMMEDIATE RELEASE
No. 07-220

Governor Palin Calls School Study Inaccurate

Offers to Talk to Students Considering Dropping Out

November 8, 2007, Juneau, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin today sent supportive letters to the principals of seven Alaska high schools that were branded "dropout factories" in a well-publicized Johns Hopkins University study. Governor Palin also offered to talk with any student from those schools who may be considering dropping out.

Governor Palin told the principals, "I want you to know that neither I nor anyone in my administration believe this inflammatory label is accurate or fair. I know that you and your staff work hard to educate every student and to offer extra attention for any student who is at risk of dropping out."

The seven Alaska high schools mentioned in the Johns Hopkins study are: Ben Eielson Jr./Sr. High School, Lathrop High School, North Pole High School, Bethel Regional High School, Wasilla High School, Dillingham Middle/High School and Barrow High School.

The Johns Hopkins study did not look at published graduation or dropout rates, which are publicly available. Rather, it compared the number of seniors with the number of freshmen from four years before. The "retention rate" method does not take into account that some students transfer to other schools.

Many of the seven affected Alaska schools had graduation rates notably better than the "retention rates" published in the Johns Hopkins study.

Alaska, like other states, does have a serious dropout problem, Governor Palin said in the letter to the principals. But, she added, "I want you to know that my administration and I stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you in your committed efforts to educate the youth of Alaska as you prepare them to be successful, productive adults. To that end, if you have any potential dropout students, please have them call me personally and let me help talk them into staying. Even if one student stays in school as a result of talking to me, it'll be worth it."

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 11:34 AM
To: Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Subject: Re: "pressure"

Excellent.

Ok- as long as they know we're not conducting politics as usual and threatening anyone, and these mtgs are truly helping, then let's forge ahead mtg with them, with leggies' concurrence.

Stuck me as odd that Harris attended his first ever bush caucus mtg the other day- like he was there to keep an eye on what was said? Shoot- Mary's right- she asked for the mtg and we were also conducting it as a follow up to AFN.

Thank you.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 11:12:41

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: "pressure"

I've been meeting w/legislators all morning and just now spoke w/Rep. Nelson, Rep. Gara & Sen. Wielechowski. Hopefully, their reaction will put you at ease. First, they were surprised we were responding to rumors pushed by the VOT, Halcro, Fagan, blogs, etc., because they don't believe those sources have any credibility. I explained that we just didn't want the wrong impression out there. They understood and are clear that the rumors are all untrue (I delivered the entire message, including that Green and Harris came up and were told these rumors were false).

Rep. Nelson said Dave Donaldson had asked her about the bush caucus meeting and whether the capital budget was discussed with the governor. Rep. Nelson told Dave that SHE asked for the meeting, not the other way around! I thanked her for clearing that up. I will visit with the folks in the press room (I do this every couple of days anyway) and see if these rumors are gaining any steam. If so, I will work with Sharon to make sure we do our best to stamp it out.

Finally, those folks believe these rumors are not going to hurt our efforts. As Joe stated, these rumors were started by those who want you to fail...hoping you will be afraid to keep fighting for a good bill for Alaska. As Rep. Gara said so well, "Don't reward bad behavior!" In other words, don't let the rumors change how we are doing business...honestly and in a straight-forward way debating ACES on its merits. That's exactly why the rumors were started, and we can't let them win.

Your calls/visits have been extremely helpful and completely appropriate. If you have any other messages you'd like me to deliver, or would like me to make any other efforts, I will. For the rest of today, I will continue to touch base with legislators and personally dispel any rumors.

Russ

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 9:43 AM

To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)

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From: "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

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Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 7:41 AM
To: John Katz
Cc: Beth Leschper; Mike Tibbles; Sharon Leighow; Larry Persily; Mike Nizich
Subject: Re: ANWR/Senator Lieberman

Oh yes- let's do this. Timing is perfect.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 08:18:46

To:<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Larry Persily" <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>,"Mike Nizich" <mike_nizich@gov.state.ak.us>

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I gave some thought to the Lieberman bill last = night. I think we could actually have

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Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

>>> On 11/7/2007 at 6:40 PM, in message <1371126392-11= 94478755-cardhu_decombobulator_blackberry.rim.net-81677018-@bxe003.bisx.pro= d.on.blackberry>, <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:

Sheeeesh- I still can not = get over this. Why create more dependency on foreign sources?! If = ever you hear of a grand idea to get these naysayers to listen, please let = me know and we'll try anything reasonable to send a pro-ANWR message = nationally.

Sent from my BlackBerry=AE device from Cellular One

= -----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>=

Date: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 17:18:41

To:"Governor Sarah Palin" = <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: ANWR/Senator Lieberman

A= fter sending this, I though that you might also be interested.

There's nothing new here, and I doubt that anything more will happen.&nb= sp; However, I wanted you to be aware of the current situation.

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We're working with the remnants of Arctic Power and others to promote = some counter battery fire.

ANWR: Lieberman = renews bid for permanent drilling ban

A quarter of the Senate has = signed on to keep the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge off-limits to oil = and natural gas drilling.

Backed by a group of 25 senators, Sen. Joe = Lieberman (I-Conn.) introduced a bill today that would designate the = coastal plain of the Alaskan reserve as an official wilderness area, = thereby precluding any oil and gas activities.

"America's strength is = not in our oil reserves but in our reserves of innovation," Lieberman said = in a statement. "The answer is not to drill in our national treasures but = to increase our energy efficiency and find alternative and renewable = sources of energy."

All 26 sponsors are Democrats, excluding Lieberman = and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.).

The coastal plain is currently = off-limits to drilling rigs, but Lieberman and other lawmakers want = permanent protection. Legislation in 1980 that expanded the Arctic = preserve deferred a congressional decision on managing energy resources on = the 1.5-

million-acre coastal plain.

Alaskan lawmakers and others = seeking to boost domestic production have long sought to tap an estimated = 5.7 billion and 16 billion barrels worth of oil in the region. Republicans = came close to opening the area in the last Congress after expanding their = majority in the 2004 elections but fell just short.

The ANWR issue is = not wholly partisan, with several pro-drilling Democrats in favor of = development and moderate Republicans having sink efforts to open the = reserve in the last Congress.

Opening the area is not on the table = under the Democratic leadership of Congress. At the same time, permanent = protections are also considered quite unlikely given the difficultly = associated with getting the 60 votes needed to pass such a measure. =

Reps. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) and Jim Ramstad (R-Minn.) introduced House = legislation in January to designate the coastal plain as a wilderness = area. House and Senate legislation to create permanent protection has also = been introduced in previous sessions of Congress.

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Subject: Re: ANWR/Congressional Delegation

Excellent! Thanks for the great idea, let's proceed.

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 08:30:17

To:"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 6:24 PM
To: Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA); Notti; Emil R (CED); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Sheila Toomey

Got it.

Too bad the gossip column is taking serious any of the "rumors" she hears.

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From: "Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)" <annette.kreitzer@alaska.gov>

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To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Notti, Emil R (CED)" <emil.notti@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Sheila Toomey

Since it's a personnel matter, I can't really comment to anyone outside of the Governor. Kevin Brooks responded on my behalf to a few press inquiries (not unusual as they were Kenai, Duane's home turf) - that we have a different management philosophy. That's about all we can say publicly.

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Subject: Re: Sheila Toomey

Wow- she got it wrong on both stories. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
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And Ron's leaving has nothing to do with Jim Palin (who hasn't been GM of a utility since about 1989). Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 17:11:35

To:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>, gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Sheila Toomey

FYI

Sheila called me today to confirm that Dwayne Bannock was fired by the Governor. I told her absolutely not - it was a commissioner call. She also got a call regarding Ron Miller. The caller - mentioned the Governor's father in law's involvement in a utility - as a possible reason for Miller losing his job at a time of record dividends. She understood, or at least she said, that the decision was made by the board. She hinted this might be a news story not an ear item. If you folks want me to add anything please let me know. I am not too familiar with this one.

I let Sheila know that CNBC is coming to Juneau next week. I also told her about Mindy Rowland joining the Leg office.

Sharon Leighow

Deputy Press Secretary

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 6:17 PM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Don testifying at 5:30 on GtG

Lemme know how it goes

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 6:15 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Smith; Lynne M (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Todd; Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Frank Bailey; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Thompson; Barbara A (EED)
Subject: Re: drop out response

Yeah!!! That's the coolest thing I've heard in a long time. Awesome job you guys - thank you... and obviously the education experts thank you.

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 16:51:57

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Smith, Lynne M (GOV)" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>

Subject: drop out response

I thought you might like to see this!

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan McCauley [mailto:Susan.McCauley@matsuk12.us]

Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 4:43 PM

To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: dropout press release

Dear Governor Palin:

Thank you for both the letter to principals and the press release regarding the recently-released John Hopkins study that labeled one of our high schools, Wasilla High, a "dropout factory". We in the administrative office of the Mat-Su Borough School District received your press release during a lunch break from our All Principals' Meeting

today. During our morning session, principals, including Dwight Probasco, principal of Wasilla High, updated the group of the efforts to reduce dropouts that have been underway in our district for the past year. Dwight referred to his school's "dubious title" and commented on the misrepresentation of his school in the Hopkins report. What wonderful timing that we were able to read aloud to our group of 40 principals your press release when we returned from lunch. It was met with a round of applause.

Thank you for the due diligence you have done in investigating the methodology used for this study, and in helping the public to understand that more direct, accessible measures of dropout rate are readily available. Mr. Probasco commented to me last week that this study felt like "a kick in the gut". Your public statement has likely gone a long ways toward helping Mr. Probasco and the principals of the 6 other mentioned schools feel supported and appreciated.

Sincerely,
Susan McCauley

Susan A. McCauley
Director of Education
Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 2:19 PM
To: teeranchinport@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: General_Administration

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 11:53 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: General_Administration

Web mail from: Mr. Sean Rogers

address: P.M.B. 179, 3377Bethel Rd.STE 107 Port Orchard WA 98366

360-674-7080

MESSAGE:

Good work Sara, Being a good leader you have to make some very tricky choises, excellent job, well i hope you have a good day.

teeranchinport@yahoo.com

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]

Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 1:31 PM

To: Sarah Palin

Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Scheduling/Updates

Governor – I received a call from Jim Bowles office, Conoco Phillips asking that a meeting be set up between you and Mr. Bowles in regards to Gas pipeline. Mr. Bowles would be available to be in Juneau on Thurs/Fri. 11.15/11.16. Joe Balash has recommended this as Mr. Bowles would more than likely be stating what they are going to do and we need to hear this.

The Lt. Gov will be attending the Wreath-Laying Ceremony on Veterans Day and will be presenting a Wreath on your behalf. This is located @ Ft. Richardson Cemetery.

Kris has talked with RGA today and unfortunately they do not take care of spouses. Thanks, Janice

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Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 4:19 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Beth Leschper; Mike Tibbles; Sharon Leighow; Larry Persily; Mike Nizich
Subject: Re: ANWR/Senator Lieberman

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Subject: ANWR/Congressional Delegation

I guess great minds think alike. I had not seen the statement below when I sent my previous email. I don't think that the statement is as effective as it could be, but, for better or worse, it adopts the same basic theme I suggested.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 7, 2007
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Alaska's Congressional Delegation Vows to Defeat Anti-Development Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Alaska's Congressional Delegation, Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Lisa Murkowski, and Congressman Don Young, today released the following statement in response to Senator Joe Lieberman's (ID-Conn.) newly introduced bill to designate Alaska's

Coastal Plain as wilderness.

"With the price of oil approaching $100 per barrel and with our energy dependence on hostile foreign nations at a record high, now is not the time to cut our country off from the resources held in Alaska's Coastal Plain. This area has the largest untapped domestic oil field in the United States and would provide our nation with a million barrels of oil per day for at least three decades. Instead of blocking resource development, Congress must increase our domestic production of energy.

"Alaska's Delegation supports a comprehensive energy plan that includes conservation, increased efficiency standards, and greater renewable energy potential. But without increased production of traditional fossil fuels, like oil and natural gas, Americans will be even more dependent on unstable foreign energy sources.

"We will fight any attempt to deny development of our State's resources, particularly the Coastal Plain. Alaska already contains vast lands designated as wilderness, including the eight million acres of ANWR south of the Coastal Plain. Wilderness areas in Alaska already exceed 58 million acres. More importantly, more than 192 million acres of Alaska are already protected in wilderness areas, national parks, national preserves, national forests, national wildlife refuges, wild and scenic rivers, state parks, state preserves, state critical habitat areas, and state marine parks. The total designated area is the equivalent of all the East Coast seaboard states from Maine to mid-Florida.

"ANWR is nearly 20 million acres. Energy production would be limited to 2,000 acres - 0.01 percent of the entire refuge. In addition, development poses no threat to wildlife. Anti-development advocates claim that the Prudhoe Bay oil fields have had serious impacts on wildlife. That is not true. After 30 years of development of oil fields at Prudhoe Bay and surrounding areas, wildlife have not been adversely impacted. Populations of caribou, grizzly bears, polar bears, arctic foxes, and musk ox have all remained stable or increased during oil exploration and development.

"Our Delegation intends to work with the State of Alaska to defeat this short-sighted proposal. Once again, we have the duty of educating the rest of the country about Alaska's role in attaining the goal of energy independence and defending our State from attacks by Outside extreme environmentalists."

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Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Dwight Kramer [dwimar@gci.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 8:25 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Mike Chenault; Wagoner; Tom (LAA)
Subject: Relocate Habitat Division to ADF&G

Dear Governor Palin,

Our organization, Kenai Area Fisherman's Coalition , supports your desire to move the Habitat Division back to the Department of Fish and Game (See attached letter of support). We believe the State and the future health of our fisheries would be better served by this relocation effort.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwight Kramer
Chairman KAFC
283-1054

KENAI AREA FISHERMAN'S COALITION

PO Box 375 Kenai, Ak. 99611 * (907) 283-1054 * dwimar@gci.net

Governor Sarah Palin
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Ak. 99811-0001

November 8, 2007

Dear Governor Palin,

The KAFC is an organization composed of scientists and concerned users of the Kenai Peninsula waters. KAFC membership includes biologists (retired State and Federal) which provide over 120 years of experience on the Kenai River and other Peninsula waters in all areas of research and management. We consider the KAFC to be a "Joe Fisherman" organization since we have no commercial interests.

It is our considered opinion that the state, and our fisheries, would best be served if the Habitat Division were moved back under the auspices of the Department of Fish and Game. As this is the only department with a mandate to protect these most valuable of resources, we feel this would be the best path to insure the future health of our fisheries. It would also be in the best interests of our state to begin this process as soon as possible.

We appreciate your time and attention regarding this very important matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: Hon. Denby Lloyd, Commissioner of ADF&G
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